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IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

LISA GUFFEY and CHRISTINE SMITH,

Plaintiffs-Appellees/ Cross-Appellants,

v.

ROSLYNN R. MAUSKOPF, in her official capacity as Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts,

Defendant-Appellant/Cross-Appellee.

Nos. 20-5183, 20-5208

UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE PETITION FOR REHEARING OR REHEARING EN BANC

Appellant/cross-appellee Roslynn R. Mauskopf, in her official capacity as Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts (AO), respectfully moves to extend the time to file a petition for rehearing or rehearing en banc by 30 days. This motion is unopposed. In support of this motion, the government states as follows:

1. This case involves a First Amendment challenge to restrictions on partisan political activity by AO employees. The panel issued its judgment in this case on August 16, 2022. A petition for rehearing or rehearing en banc, if any,

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would be due on September 30, 2022. The government has not previously sought an extension of this deadline.

- 2. The Solicitor General is responsible for determining whether the government should petition for rehearing en banc in this case, and if so, on what grounds. *See* 28 C.F.R. § 0.20(b). The requested extension is necessary to permit adequate consultation among the components of the government affected by the panel's decision and, if authorized by the Solicitor General, preparation of a petition along the lines she has directed.
- 3. An extension is also necessary because of pressing litigation deadlines for Weili Shaw, the attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice primarily responsible for preparing a petition for rehearing or rehearing en banc if such a filing is authorized. Mr. Shaw is also responsible for preparing or reviewing the government's briefs in *O'Key v. United States*, No. 22-30468 (5th Cir.) (due Oct. 3, 2022) and *Kellom v. Quinn*, No. 22-1591 (6th Cir.) (due Oct. 12, 2022).
 - 4. Counsel for appellees/cross-appellants does not oppose this motion.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the government requests that the Court extend the time to file a petition for rehearing or rehearing en banc by 30 days, to and including October 31, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

I hereby certify that this motion complies with the type-volume limitation of Fed. R. App. P. 27(d)(2)(A) because it contains <u>312</u> words, according to the count of Microsoft Word.

s/ Weili J. Shaw WEILI J. SHAW

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